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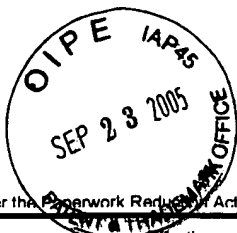
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U.S. PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Examiner Initials</u>
5,654,084	EGERT	August 5, 1997	

Explanation of U.S. Patent No. 5,654,084

U.S. Patent No. 5,654,084 (“Egert”) discloses a coating to prevent interaction between a device and the environment. The Abstract states: “An enhanced protective coating to prevent interaction between constituents of the environment and devices that can be damaged by those constituents. This coating is provided by applying a synergistic combination of diffusion barrier and physical barrier materials. These materials can be, for example, in the form of a plurality of layers of a diffusion barrier and a physical barrier, with these barrier layers being alternated.” At col. 4 ll. 37-44, the specification mentions, without any supporting information or examples, that the layer can be a “continuum coating” rather than comprising distinct layers.

Figures 3 and 4, discussed at col. 4 line 45 through col. 5 line 13, depict the effectiveness of the Egert coating. While the Figures do not specifically show an H₂O permeability value in the units of g/m²-day, there is sufficient information in the Figures to derive an H₂O permeability value in those units. The derivation follows.

Egert used the example of applying a protective coating to prevent LiH from reacting with/absorbing water. When LiH reacts with/absorbs water, its weight will increase. By measuring this weight gain, the permeability value of the protective coating can be extracted. The weight gain of LiH can be calculated using the equation:

$$\Delta G = C \cdot A \cdot WVTR \cdot T$$

where:

ΔG is the weight gain, having the units of g

C is the water reaction/absorption coefficient of LiH, having *no units*

A is the area of protective coating, having the units of m^2

$WVTR$ is the Water Vapor Transmission Rate of the protective coating,
having the units of $g/m^2 \cdot day$

T is the duration of the measurement, having the units of *days*.

The bulk permeability for parylene is $0.21 \text{ g.mil}/100\text{in}^2 \cdot \text{day}$ (from Permeability and other film properties of plastics & elastomers, William Andrew Publishing, 1995), which, after unit conversion, equals $3.26 \text{ g.mil}/m^2 \cdot \text{day}$. In Figure 3 of Egert, plotted line 34 corresponds to a $25 \mu\text{m}$ (1 mil) thick layer of parylene. Thus, using the above equation, the WVTR through Egert's parylene layer is:

$$WVTR = 3.26 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mil} / m^2 \cdot \text{day} / 1\text{mil} = 3.26 \text{ g} / m^2 \cdot \text{day}$$

Referring now to Figure 3, plot 34, the parylene coated LiH gains 0.23 mg after 580 hrs (24.17 days). This results in a $C \cdot A$ value of:

$$C \cdot A = \frac{\Delta G}{WVTR \cdot T} = 2.93 \times 10^{-6} m^2$$

Since $C \cdot A$ will be a constant for Egert's LiH sample, the $WVTR$ of Egert's multilayered protective coating can then be calculated by:

$$WVTR = \frac{\Delta G}{C \cdot A \cdot T}$$

Since the quantity CA is known from the above calculation and we can get the ΔG and T values from Figure 4, we can determine the $WVTR$, which is the H_2O permeability value for the coating. Exhibit A lists the structure of the coating and the numerical identifier in Figure 4, the ΔG and T values from Figure 4, the calculated $WVTR$ for each multilayered structure of Figure 4, and compares the calculated $WVTR$ values with the barrier coating requirements for organic light emitting diodes (“OLEDs”) and other light emitting devices.

As can be easily seen from Exhibit A, the permeability values for the coating disclosed and described in Egert fall far short (by four orders of magnitude) of the barrier layer permeability requirements for a light emitting device. Therefore, it is plainly obvious that the barrier layer disclosed in Egert cannot be used for protecting light emitting devices.

Conclusion

One of skill in the art of barrier layers for OLEDs and light emitting devices would not consider Egert’s barrier coating because of the huge disparity between Egert’s barrier coating permeability performance and the permeability requirement for light emitting devices.

As the disclosed barrier coating of Egert does not usable for a light emitting device, Applicant considers the claims in the application to be in condition for allowance and accordingly respectfully requests that the application and all claims be allowed.

A copy of the '084 patent is attached hereto.

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